

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 580  
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Robert French of Springfield upon being named a Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Robert French, an esteemed resident of Springfield and a senior at Springfield High School, has been recognized as one of Tennessee's top student volunteers in the eleventh annual Prudential Spirit of Awards program, which recognizes young people for outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, for his exemplary public service, Robert was recognized as a Distinguished Finalist and one of this State's most committed youth volunteers in the 2006 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Robert French won this recognition by building a Web site for his county government that provides online information on county officials, departments, history, points of interest, and other topics; Robert produced a school concert to raise funds for equipment to set up the site, recruited friends to lay cable, and taught county officials how to create and maintain their own pages; and

WHEREAS, as a Distinguished Finalist, Robert will receive an engraved bronze medallion at a local ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Robert French epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and takes his place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Robert French who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Robert French on being selected as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, recognize his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.